Fund Allocation for the Schemes Meant for Agricultural Development In H.P.

1662. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to spend some amount out of total funds for the schemes meant for agricultural development in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is percentage of the funds allotted to Himachal Pradesh and district-wise, its utilization;

(c) whether Government have earmarked some blocks in far-flung areas of the State for some special assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The total agreed outlay for the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) for Himachal Pradesh is Rs. 570000 lakh. Out of this, the agreed outlay for agriculture & allied activities is Rs. 84280 lakh. The allocation for agriculture sector comes to 14.78% of the total agreed outlay for the State. Planning and development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Govemment. The Planning Commission allocates funds as a whole to the State and it is the State to make the further sectoral/schematic and spatial distribution. Under the Border Area Development Programme, Special Central Assistance, is allocated to Himachal Pradesh. The amount is given to the State as a whole for border blocks. It is the State-level Screening Committee which makes further sectoral and spatial allocations.

Criteria for Determining Poverty Line in Orissa

1663. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: